



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, NEW MEXICANS HAVE ALWAYS ANSWERED OUR NATION'S CALL TO SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND MANY HAVE MADE UNCOMMON SACRIFICES AS PRISONERS OF WAR (POW), SERVING OUR COUNTRY UNDER CONDITIONS OF EXTREME HARDSHIP, WHILE REMAINING STEADFAST EVEN WHEN THEIR TREATMENT VIOLATED FUNDAMENTAL STANDARDS OF MORALITY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW; AND

**WHEREAS**, TRAGICALLY, MEMBERS OF OUR MILITARY ARE CAPTURED OR GO MISSING IN EVERY CONFLICT, AND IT IS OUR NATION'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REMAIN VIGILANT IN DETERMINING THE STATUS OF AMERICANS WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION (MIA); AND

**WHEREAS**, AMERICANS HELD AS POW/MIA HAVE EARNED OUR UTMOST RESPECT FOR THEIR COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO OUR COUNTRY; AND

**WHEREAS**, WE MUST ALWAYS HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE FAITHFULLY SERVED OUR GREAT COUNTRY; AND

**WHEREAS**, CONGRESS HAS ESTABLISHED THE THIRD FRIDAY IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2017, AS

## “NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND I CALL UPON ALL NEW MEXICANS TO JOIN WITH AMERICANS ACROSS OUR NATION IN HONORING ALL PRESENT AND FORMER AMERICAN POW'S AND MIA'S AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND I CALL UPON STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, ACTIVE MILITARY, NATIONAL GUARD, RESERVES, VETERANS, HISTORIANS, EDUCATORS, AND ALL PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE THIS DAY BY FLYING THE POW/MIA FLAG, THE FLAG OF HOPE, AND BY CONDUCTING APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES OR ACTIVITIES IN HONOR OF THESE BRAVE HEROES.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Susana Martinez*  
SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

